Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIM 19

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

19. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 [19], wherein the homopolysaccharide is oat beta glucan.